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The University of Minnesota Morris, Morris Area Schools, and the City of Morris are creating a softball facility that reflects the level of play of area high school and college athletes. The fields will be a community asset and a partnership for the future.

“UMN Morris and Morris Area Schools have a strong history and relationship of working positively together on facilities like Big Cat Stadium as well as the track,” says Matt Johnson ’03, director of intercollegiate athletics and Morris Area School Board. “Our new softball field complex will provide amazing opportunities for student-athletes in both programs to grow while playing on one of the finest fields in west central Minnesota.”

“The City of Morris is proud to participate in the Morris Community Softball complex with the University of Minnesota Morris and the Morris Area Schools,” adds Mayor Sheldon Giese. “This collaboration will ensure the success of this venture, similar to the Regional Fitness Center, where our collaboration helped develop the community asset into the best in the area. This complex will fit in with the state-of-the-art sporting facilities already shared in the Morris community, such as the Eagles Baseball complex and Big Cat Stadium.”

Work on Phase One of the project, which includes two new fields and a multipurpose facility, began earlier this month. These assets will enhance the game-day experience for Cougar and Tiger sports fans and create opportunities for regional tourism and economic growth. Contact Erin Christensen at 320-589-6067 or erinc@morris.umn.edu to learn more.

This activity is made possible thanks to the private giving support of donors and friends.

Pictured: (L-R) Sandy Olson-Loy, Stephanie Howe, Eric Norum, Ella Saito, Mary Asche, Joe Nicholson, Mary Holmberg, Ray Bowman, Robi Bowman, Troy Ferguson, Sheldon Giese, Blaine Hill, Matt Johnson, Michelle Behr, Morgan Mathews, Tony Reimers, Emma Bowman, Bryan Herrmann, Eric Johnson. Softball players of all ages also attended the celebration.